



# SIERRA CLUB OF HAWAI'I

## MĀLAMA I KA HONUA. *Cherish the Earth.*

### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EEP & LMG

April 12, 2019      9:00 a.m.      Room 224

### In SUPPORT of SCR 31 SD1

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Aloha Chair Lowen, Chair Cullen, Vice Chair Wildberger, Vice Chair Nakashima and members of the committees,

On behalf of our 20,000 members and supporters, the Sierra Club of Hawai'i **is in support of SCR 31 SD1**, which seeks to designate the Hawai'i State Capitol building and its grounds as a single-use plastic free zone.

The Sierra Club of Hawai'i, is dedicated to protecting these unique and beautiful islands we call home. Part of our dedication to protect is to keep these valuable public areas free of pollution from plastics and other waste. In this case, we advocate for halting harmful plastic pollution at the source.

We are currently experiencing a plastic pollution epidemic here in Hawai'i. Single-use plastics pollute our lands and freshwater bodies, clog up drainage systems, harm wildlife and ultimately end up in our ocean waters--settling on our reefs and, in some places, creating massive large collections of trash, such as The Great Pacific Garbage Patch. The toxins and heavy chemicals found in plastics are not compostable or biodegradable and can take 500 years or more to decompose. They create an overabundance of waste that continually overflows local landfills and our beaches.

The transition away from single-use plastics is very possible and happening in many places around the world such as the pacific island nation of Vanuatu, The European Union, and numerous municipalities across the United States. By reducing single-use plastics at the state capitol, we can lead the way for others to follow, showing that it can be done and there are alternatives.

*We urge the Committees to pass this measure*, which will serve our collective efforts to keep Hawai'i free of plastic pollution as well as protect the health of our people. Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in **support of SCR 31 SD1**.

Mahalo,  
Lori Mallini  
Volunteer, Sierra Club of Hawai'i



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## **House Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection**

### **House Committee on Legislative Management**

Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action Supports SCR 31

Aloha Chair Lowen, Chair Cullen and Members of the Committees,

The Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action (HAPA) supports resolution SCR 31 which seeks to designate the Hawaii state capitol and its grounds a single use plastic free zone.

In Hawaii our beaches and marine life are inundated with single use plastics. We all should be concerned about the prevalence of micro-plastics both in our local environment and in the local fish that we consume. The toxins and heavy chemicals found in plastics are not compostable or biodegradable and can take 500 years or more to decompose.

The transition away from single-use plastics is very possible and happening in many places around the world such as the pacific island nation of Vanuatu, The European Union, and numerous municipalities across the United States. By reducing single-use plastics at the state capitol, we can lead the way for others to follow, showing that it can be done and there are alternatives.

Thank you for your consideration, I urge you to support SCR 31.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anne Frederick', is written below the word 'Mahalo'.

Anne Frederick  
Executive Director

**SCR-31-SD-1**

Submitted on: 4/9/2019 7:01:06 PM

Testimony for EEP on 4/12/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ted Bohlen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Hawaii should protect its environment by reducing use of single-use plastics. The Legislature should lead by example and pass this resolution!

**SCR-31-SD-1**

Submitted on: 4/9/2019 9:23:49 PM

Testimony for EEP on 4/12/2019 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Erica Scott	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**SCR-31-SD-1**

Submitted on: 4/10/2019 3:48:58 PM

Testimony for EEP on 4/12/2019 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrea Quinn	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Honorable Committee Members:

Please support SCR31, which would take steps to limit plastic pollution.

Many plastics leach suspected carcinogens and neurotoxins as they degrade into smaller and smaller pieces, and studies show some of these toxins are slowly accumulating in the fatty tissues of humans and other animals.

Additionally, many plastics are made with petroleum, the manufacture of which is a great contributor to the heat-trapping gases responsible for the greenhouse effect we are now seeing.

For these reasons, cities in the US and around the world are instituting measures to cut down on plastic pollution.

Thank you for your time and the opportunity to present my testimony.

Andrea Quinn

Kihei

**SCR-31-SD-1**

Submitted on: 4/11/2019 10:19:40 AM

Testimony for EEP on 4/12/2019 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lauryn Rego	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

## EEPtestimony

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**From:** Fern A Holland <fernantuanue@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 11, 2019 12:39 PM  
**To:** EEPtestimony; LMGtestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in Support of SCR 31

Aloha Chair Lowen, Chair Cullen and Members of the Committees,

I am testifying in support of SCR 31 which seeks to designate the Hawaii state capitol and its grounds a single use plastic free zone.

In Hawaii our beaches and marine life are inundated with single use plastics. The capitol should lead by example and guide the way to a more sustainable Hawai'i.

The transition away from single-use plastics is very possible and happening in many places around the world and we can lead the way for others to follow in Hawai'i and the U.S., showing that it can be done and there are alternatives.

Thank you for your consideration, I urge you to support SCR 31.

Fern

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Submitted on: 4/12/2019 8:52:31 AM

Testimony for EEP on 4/12/2019 9:00:00 AM

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Melodie Aduja	O`ahu County Democrats Legislative Priorities Committee	Support	No

Comments: